



THOMAS TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609  
June 5, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Weise.

2. PRESENT: Weise, Sommers, Monahan, McDonald, Thayer, DeLine, Witt  
ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Russ Taylor; Assistant Township Manager/Finance Director, Deidre Frolo; Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Connie Watt; Director of Community Development, Dan Sika; Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Police Chief, Al Fong; Rick Hopper; DPW Director, Trevor Schultz; Assistant DPW Director, Lynda Thayer; Nature Center Director, Otto Brandt; Township Attorney and several interested parties.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by Sommers, seconded by DeLine to approve the amended agenda.

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June 5, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**AMENDED AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approve the May 1, 2023, Regular Board Minutes.
  - B. Approve the May 22, 2023 Special Meeting Board Minutes
  - C. Approval of the Expenditures.
  - D. Accept the resignation of Al Fong as Chief of Police.
  - E. Approve the promotion of Gary Salo from probationary to regular full time First Responder/Fire Fighter.
  - F. **Approve the promotion of Sgt. Eric Cowles to interim Police Chief.**
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments

**It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.**
7. Public Hearing
  - A. Hear public comments for a request from Saginaw Control & Engineering, 11122 Sunshine Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609 for an Industrial Facility Tax Exemption (IFT) in the amount of \$10,577,000.00 of Real Property, for a period of twelve (12) years.
8. Unfinished Business
  - A. None

9. New Business
    - A. Approve of Resolution 23-08 granting Saginaw Control & Engineering a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption.
    - B. Approve the Saginaw County drain easement and encroachment agreement on the Nature Preserve property for the Reineke Drain.
    - C. Approve the Lease Agreement with Swan Valley Schools for use of Roberts Park for their boys and girls soccer programs.
    - D. Award the bid for furnishings at the Nature Center building to Woodland Creek's Log Furniture Place in the amount of \$24,350.05 and Pinnacle Design in the amount of \$16,761.00.
    - E. Award the bid for roofing at the Public Safety Building to Herbert Roofing in the amount of \$45,000.00.
    - F. Approve the revised Thomas Township Campus Plan including the new municipal office building, fire station addition, six pickleball courts, basketball court, playground and walkways.
    - G. Approve the contract for Three Rivers Construction in the amount of \$ 6,204,500.00 to construct a new municipal office building and training/ election room addition to Fire Station #1.
  10. Reports

A.	Supervisor	D.	Manager	H.	Fire Dept.
B.	Clerk	E.	Community Development	I.	Police Dept.
C.	Treasurer	F.	DPW	J.	Parks & Recreation
		G.	Finance	K.	Board Members
  11. Executive Session
    - A. None
  12. Adjournment
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5. Motion was made by Thayer, seconded by Witt to approve the Consent Agenda with one amendment. Motion carried unanimously.
    - A. Approval of the Board Minutes from the May 1, 2023 regular meeting.
    - B. Approval of the Board Minutes from the May 22, 2023 special meeting.
    - C. Expenditures consisting of: \$2,146,240.30

Clearing Fund	\$6,174.00
General Fund	204,818.22
Public Safety-Fire Department	34,887.51
Fire Apparatus	82,038.83
Public Safety-Police Department	131,457.36
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	0.00
Downtown Development Authority	3,110.13
Revolving Road Fund	0.00
Sewer Fund	60,671.28
Sewer Improvements Grant Fund	1,265,024.00
Water Fund	289,455.93
Municipal Refuse	50,512.88
Technology Fund	18,090.16
Tax	0.00
    - D. Accepted the resignation of Al Fong as Chief of Police.
    - E. Approved the promotion of Gary Salo from probationary to regular full-time First Responder/Firefighter.
    - F. Approved the promotion of Eric Cowles to interim Police Chief.
  6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
    - A. Mark Piotrowski of 12300 Whisper Ridge addressed the Board about a county program to detect deed fraud.
  7. Public Hearing
    - A. A hearing to receive citizen comments on a request from Saginaw Control & Engineering for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption in the amount of

\$10,577,000.00 of Real Property for twelve years was opened at 7:07 p.m.  
Comments were heard from Mr. Steve Hensley of Saginaw Future. The hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

8. Unfinished Business

A. None.

9. New Business

A. It was moved by Witt, seconded by McDonal to approve Resolution 23-08 to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Saginaw Control & Engineering in the amount of \$10,577,000.00 for a period of twelve years.  
Roll Call:

Ayes: Monahan, DeLine, Witt, Weise, McDonald, Thayer, Sommers

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution was adopted.

B. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Monahan to approve the Saginaw County Drain Easement and Encroachment Agreement on the Nature Preserve property for the Reineke Drain. Motion carried unanimously.

C. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Thayer to approve the Lease Agreement with Swan Valley Schools for use of Roberts Park for their boys and girls soccer programs. Motion carried unanimously.

D. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by DeLine to award the bid for furnishings at the Nature Center Building to Woodland Creek's Log Furniture Place in the amount of \$24,350.05 and Pinnacle design in the amount of \$16,761.00. Motion carried unanimously.

E. It was moved by Witt, seconded by McDonald to award the bid for roofing at the Public Safety Building to Herbert Roofing in the amount of \$45,000.00 . Motion carried unanimously.

F. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by Monahan to approve the revised Thomas Township Campus Plan including the new municipal office building, fire station addition, six pickleball courts, basketball court, playground and walkways. Motion carried unanimously.

G. It was moved by Witt, seconded by DeLine to approve the contract for Three Rivers Construction in the amount of \$6,204,500.00 to construct a new municipal office building and training/election room addition to Fire Station #1 . Motion carried unanimously.

10. Report of Officers and Staff:

A. Supervisor's Report – None

B. Clerk's Report –Clerk Thayer administered the oath to Officer Bailey Gosen and Officer Matthey Lalonde followed by a pinning ceremony.

C. Treasurer's Report – None

D. Manager's Report – Thank you to the Board for the support and approval of the new municipal building and Fire Station addition.

E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.

F. Receive and file the DPW Report. The sewer expansion project is moving along. Demolition on the house on Sue is complete.

G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report. Thank you for the Board approval on the new building.

H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report. Chief Cousins introduced Sonya Coleman who has started as the new Fire Secretary. The ISO audit

- came back with no change from the previous year.
- I. Receive and file the Police Department Report.
- J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report. Pool is opening Saturday.
- K. Board Member Reports – None
- 11. Executive Session:
  - A. None
- 12. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Monahan to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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Michael Thayer, Clerk

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Dated